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U.S. Air Force veteran John Allen answers questions about his experience as a pilot while being interviewed by Clemson University student Anna Hickey.

## Veterans honored for their sacrifices

■ Clemson students record interviews for website to ensure contributions of those who served will never be forgotten **4A**

## Keeping seats can be costly

■ Pickens Republican Larry Martin spent more than \$200,000 to keep Senate seat

■ Ware Shoals Republican Billy O'Dell spent more than \$125,000 to win 7th Senate term **7A**

## Emails sent by his mistress led to CIA director's downfall **13A**



## Tigers put Terps away

■ No. 10 Clemson scores 35 in first half in 45-10 win over Maryland **4B**

Clemson wide receiver Jaron Brown, left, celebrates that fellow wide receiver Adam Humphries caught a touchdown in the first quarter of a game at Memorial Stadium.

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## SEC East champs



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Georgia receiver Malcolm Mitchell (26) celebrates with flanker Chris Conley (31) after catching a pass for a touchdown against Auburn Saturday in Auburn, Ala.

■ **UGA hammers Auburn to seal another berth in the SEC Championship Game** **5B**

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Clemson running back Roderick McDowell runs by teammate tight end Sam Cooper during the second quarter Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Clemson.

## A precision pounding

■ **Tigers make easy work of Terps** **4B**



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South Carolina's D.J. Swearingen (36) runs for a touchdown after intercepting a pass during the second half Saturday against Arkansas in Columbia.

## The streak stops here

■ **Solid offense, stingy defense helps USC end Hogs' hex** **5B**



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Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel (2) celebrates after the Aggies defeated top-ranked Alabama, 29-24, at Bryant-Denny Stadium Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

## Bama bummer

■ **Texas A&M stuns No. 1 Alabama** **7B**



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Machine-like Clemson thrashes Maryland

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CLEMSON — It has become routine. Humdrum. Executed with machine-like precision.

Each week, a focused Clemson team faces an opponent that isn't prepared for its talented, fast-paced offense and an ever-improving defense.

The Tigers score lots of points. They win. Thousands of orange-clad fans file out happy. Rinse, wash, repeat.

That familiar scene unfolded again here Saturday against a beat-up Maryland team. No. 10 Clemson jumped out early, showed no mercy and rolled to a 45-10 whipping of the Terrapins before 76,000 fans.

It was Clemson's 12th consecutive home victory, setting a program record. Clemson improved to 9-1, 6-1 in ACC play; the Terrapins fell to 4-6, 2-4. The Tigers have won six consecutive games by at least 14 points, and three by at least 29.

"The thing we challenge our guys about all the time — you look around college football boxes, see the games and say, 'Dadgum, how'd that happen?'" Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said. "Guys lose focus and don't come ready to play. Our guys have done a tremendous job every single week coming ready to play. Today from the opening snap, they left no doubt."

It has been three years and 334 days since Swinney became the program's full-

NO. 10 CLEMSON 45, MARYLAND 10				
Maryland	0	7	3	0-10
Clemson	21	14	3	7-45
First Quarter				
Clem—Humphries 13 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick), 7:19.				
Clem—Crawford 16 fumble return (Catanzaro kick), 7:07.				
Clem—Hopkins 28 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick), 2:42.				
Second Quarter				
Clem—Ford 22 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick), 13:56.				
Md—Campbell 17 pass from Petty (Craddock kick), 11:08.				
Clem—Ellington 6 run (Catanzaro kick), 1:30.				
Third Quarter				
Clem—FG Catanzaro 22, 11:14.				
Md—FG Craddock 39, 3:24.				
Fourth Quarter				
Clem—Seckinger 4 pass from Stoudt (Symmes kick), 11:38.				
A—76,000.				
	Md	Clem		
First downs	10	27		
Rushes-yards	43-139	42-135		
Passing	41	301		
Comp-Att-Int	6-12-0	23-34-0		
Return Yards	0	25		
Punts-Avg.	7-37.0	3-37.7		
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	3-3		
Penalties-Yards	3-27	1-5		
Time of Possession	31:57	28:03		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS  
**RUSHING**—Maryland, B.Ross 16-100, Reid 6-24, Cierski 3-10, Jacobs 1-3, Petty 16-2, Pickett 1-0. Clemson, Ellington 13-55, McDowell 11-51, Johnson 4-14, Boyd 6-13, Stoudt 3-5, Brooks 1-1, Davidson 1-(minus 1), Howard 2-(minus 1), S.Watkins 1-(minus 2).  
**PASSING**—Maryland, Petty 6-12-0-41. Clemson, Boyd 18-26-0-261, Stoudt 5-8-0-40.  
**RECEIVING**—Maryland, Jacobs 4-17, Campbell 2-24. Clemson, Humphries 5-41, S.Watkins 4-60, Hopkins 4-59, Peake 3-24, Bryant 2-59, Ford 2-46, Cooper 1-7, Seckinger 1-4, Ja.Brown 1-1.

time head coach. His process of program-building is bearing real fruit, he said.

"There've been a lot of good Clemson teams over the past 117 years, but never one that's won 12 in a row at home," he said. "Guys have bought in. We wanted to change Clemson from the inside out and it starts with winning at home. To set the record is special. Players deserve all the credit. Once they put the work in to buy into it, they've produced



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Clemson defensive end Vic Beasley sacks Maryland's Shawn Petty during the second quarter Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Clemson.

some great goals."

Junior quarterback Tajh Boyd completed 18 of 26 passes for 261 yards and three touchdowns, an efficient day despite two lost fumbles. He agreed with Swinney's sentiment.

"I think it's a tremendous accomplishment," he said. "There's been a foundation laid the last two seasons. Since coach Swinney got here it's been steadily, continuously getting better."

Maryland entered the game with the nation's No. 11 total defense; Clemson's 45 points were a season high for a Terps' opponent. The Tigers outgained Maryland 436-180 and had 27 first downs to the Terps' 10, despite holding the ball for

only 28:03.

"There's always more room for improvement," Boyd said. "I know we keep saying that every week, but it drives us to go out there and score every drive. There's not too many people that really stop us. We just stop ourselves sometimes."

A steadily improving defense put up its best yardage and point totals of the season. In fact, Maryland's 180 yards of offense were the lowest by a Clemson foe since Oct. 31, 2009 vs. Coastal Carolina.

"The schemes that coach Venables and our staff are putting together for us to make plays, just putting up the scheme and we're going out and executing,"

said sophomore defensive end Corey Crawford. "Every week, (our confidence) has gone up. We know we can play with any team we line up against. We have to believe in ourselves. It took us for a while to get that going, but since we got it going we've been pushing ever since."

The Terrapins played with their fifth quarterback of the season — four have suffered season-ending injuries, including three ACL tears. The Terps' leading rusher and receiver — Wes Brown and Stefon Diggs — each missed the game with ankle injuries.

Clemson wasted no time jumping all over the wounded Terrapins. Following

an exchange of punts, the Tigers put together an efficient seven-play, 52-yard drive, capped by Adam Humphries' first career touchdown, a diving 13-yard grab in the back of the end zone with 7:19 left in the first quarter.

Maryland quarterback Shawn Petty — a converted linebacker — made a critical error on the next snap. As he dropped back to pass, the ball slipped out of his hands, and Crawford scooped it up, going 16 yards for a touchdown.

12 seconds elapsed between scores, the shortest span in Clemson history.

Following another Maryland three-and-out, the Tigers put the hammer down. Boyd converted a pair of third downs, and lofted a nice strike to Hopkins in the left corner of the end zone for a 28-yard touchdown and 21-0 lead with 2:42 left in the first quarter.

Clemson's defense forced another three-and-out, and the rout was on: a screen pass to Sammy Watkins, Boyd 10-yard scramble and slide and a 22-yard touchdown to Brandon Ford down the left sideline, giving the Tigers a 28-0 lead with 13:56 left in the half.

Tiger mistakes were Maryland's best offense: Humphries muffed a punt at his own 18, and Petty cashed in, throwing a 17-yard touchdown to Devonte Campbell, putting the Terps on the board with 11:08 left in the half.

Boyd was also stripped at the Maryland 2; the Tigers had three lost fumbles in the half.

Steadily-improving Tiger defense making big strides

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CLEMSON — While Clemson's pyrotechnic-friendly offense gets most of the headlines, the Tigers' defense has steadily improved over the last month.

Saturday, they took another big step against a beat-up Maryland team. The Terrapins managed just 10 points and 180 yards of total offense. It was the Tigers' lowest point total of the season, and lowest yardage total since holding Coastal Carolina to 179 on Halloween 2009.

Maryland played without its top four quarterbacks; freshman quarterback Shawn Petty, a converted linebacker, completed six of 12 passes for 41 yards with two lost fumbles.

The Terps were also without their top receiver (freshman Stefon Diggs) and tailback (Wes Brown), who missed the game

with ankle injuries.

"No letup," said sophomore defensive end Corey Crawford. "I feel sorry for what they got going on, but as coach (Dabo) Swinney said, that's their problem."

Crawford got the Tigers' first fumble return score in over a year, scooping a Petty fumble and rolling 16 yards for a touchdown.

"I just saw it was in open space, picked I up and ran with it," he said. "That's what they tell us, if the ball is in open space and it's around, by all means scoop it and score."

The Tigers held Maryland to 1-of-13 third down conversions, a huge piece of their success, Swinney said.

"Last year on third and 1, you'd hear everyone in the stands hold their breath, 'Oh, God, it's third and one,'" Swinney said. "Heck, us down on the sidelines were holding our breath, 'Oh, God,

it's third and one.' But you look at how our team has improved. They're like, fourth and 8, let's go for it, they don't even hesitate. We trust our players and they've earned that."

WATKINS LEAVES EARLY

Sammy Watkins' up-and-down sophomore season played to form Saturday. Watkins caught four passes for 60 yards, but left the game early after re-aggravating an ankle bruise.

Watkins missed the final three offensive drives of the first half, standing alone on the sidelines, helmet in hand.

He didn't return to the field for the second half, but emerged in the fourth quarter wearing sweats.

He was still Clemson's leading receiver.

"It's nothing major," Watkins said. "Sometime last week I had a bruise on my ankle. I reinjured it, but it's not that bad."

Watkins set ACC freshman records for receptions, receiving yardage and receiving touchdowns last fall, but missed the first two games while serving a suspension connected to a May drug arrest. He also missed Clemson's win at Boston College with an abdominal illness related to poor kidney function and dehydration. He rebounded to set the program's all-time single-game receiving yardage record with 202 yards at Wake Forest.

HOPKINS MOVES UP

Junior DeAndre Hopkins moved up Clemson's all-time receiving yardage list with four catches for 59 yards and a touchdown.

He moved into second place — past his late uncle, Terry Smith — and is now 23 yards from passing Aaron Kelly for first place. Kelly had 2,733 yards from 2005-08.

ANTHONY STARTS

This week, defensive coordinator Brent Venables insisted middle linebackers Spencer Shuey and Stephone Anthony were "options 1A and 1B" at the position, even though Shuey had started the last three weeks.

In that span, Shuey had 37 tackles in 156 snaps, while Anthony had 13 in 69 snaps. However, Anthony was on the field for the first snap Saturday, with Shuey relieving him for the second snap. He led the Tigers in tackles, with seven; Shuey was second with six.

CLEMSON HONORS HILL

Clemson honored former Maryland receiver Darryl Hill Saturday in a pregame ceremony. Hill was the first African-American player to play in Memorial Stadium, making 10 catches on Nov. 16, 1963. He was also the ACC's first African-American player.